

Summary of Characteristics of Women Receiving Abortions

North Carolina Resident Data, 1992-2002

Percent Distribution¹

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Total Abortions	32,730	32,498	31,875	29,938	30,593	28,592	29,868	28,136	26,944	27,096	25,883
State of Occurrence											
North Carolina	98.0	96.9	98.1	98.7	97.8	97.9	97.2	97.7	97.2	96.8	96.8
Out of State	2.0	3.1	1.9	1.3	2.2	2.1	2.8	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.2
Age											
14 and under	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
15-19	21.9	21.7	21.5	21.2	19.6	19.0	18.7	16.9	16.5	16.5	15.9
20-24	36.2	36.0	35.4	34.5	33.7	32.7	32.7	32.9	33.4	33.1	32.7
25-29	20.1	20.3	19.6	20.8	22.8	22.9	23.7	23.8	23.1	22.6	22.7
30-34	11.7	11.8	12.4	11.9	12.3	12.8	12.1	12.8	13.2	13.7	14.6
35 and over	7.5	7.9	8.2	8.7	9.0	9.1	9.1	9.7	9.3	10.4	10.0
Unknown	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.7	3.0	3.4
Race											
White	55.2	54.5	53.3	53.1	51.1	50.1	49.0	47.8	45.7	44.7	44.6
Minority	43.0	43.6	45.3	45.0	46.7	45.7	48.9	50.0	52.1	53.3	51.9
Unknown	1.6	1.9	1.5	2.0	2.2	4.2	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.1	3.5
Marital Status²											
Married	22.1	20.3	18.8	17.8	18.4	20.5	21.2	21.4	22.1	22.5	22.0
Unmarried	71.9	69.3	66.5	60.7	60.5	69.7	74.9	73.6	72.1	64.6	71.3
Unknown	5.9	10.3	14.7	21.5	21.1	9.8	4.0	5.0	5.9	12.8	6.7
Education											
8 and under	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	3.1
9-11	12.8	11.8	12.1	11.1	10.0	11.3	13.0	12.5	12.8	11.2	12.8
12	33.0	30.1	27.7	26.6	28.3	31.6	34.6	35.2	33.0	31.2	32.1
13 and over	31.9	31.3	30.5	28.1	29.5	37.4	41.7	40.6	40.3	37.7	41.2
Unknown	21.0	25.6	28.3	32.7	30.1	18.1	8.6	9.6	11.4	17.4	10.8
Number of Living Children											
None	50.0	51.7	50.6	50.1	47.1	44.4	42.2	39.7	38.8	35.3	36.7
1	27.7	26.9	27.3	27.3	29.1	30.1	30.6	31.1	29.7	28.2	29.6
2	15.8	15.2	15.5	15.7	16.5	17.1	17.9	18.7	19.4	19.5	20.4
3 or more	6.5	6.2	6.7	6.8	7.3	7.3	8.0	8.8	9.6	10.1	10.5
Unknown	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.3	1.2	1.3	1.7	2.5	6.9	2.9
Number of Previous Abortions											
None	63.3	61.8	61.0	60.9	61.7	57.9	57.2	55.0	51.8	46.4	48.3
1	26.0	26.9	27.1	27.0	26.3	24.2	23.6	23.1	22.0	23.7	21.1
2	7.7	8.4	8.4	8.6	8.2	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.9	8.3	7.7
3 or more	3.1	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.9
Unknown	2.7	2.7	3.7	3.4	5.1	6.6	7.6	10.7	14.5	17.6	19.0
Weeks of Gestation³											
8 and under	49.4	50.2	51.0	48.4	46.6	51.7	54.1	66.6	55.1	53.5	57.8
9-12	36.8	36.4	33.5	30.1	28.8	30.1	32.0	20.6	27.1	28.8	24.2
13-15	6.7	6.8	6.3	5.9	5.3	5.5	5.9	3.8	7.3	6.1	6.3
16-20	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.3	2.5	2.1	1.5	2.9	2.8	2.8
21 and over	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.5
Unknown	0.0	3.9	6.2	12.4	16.6	9.5	5.5	7.2	6.5	8.4	8.3
Type of Procedure											
Suction Curettage	97.9	98.1	97.5	96.4	89.5	81.4	64.5	56.2	53.2	45.8	46.1
Medical (nonsurgical) ⁴	-	-	-	-	-	0.2	0.2	1.0	0.5	4.7	9.3
Dilation & Evacuation ⁵	-	-	0.8	1.9	9.1	17.6	34.5	42.3	45.6	47.2	38.0
Intra-Uterine Instillation	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Sharp Curettage	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.4
Hysterectomy/Hysterotomy	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown/Other	3.5	5.1	6.0	6.2	6.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	1.8	6.0

¹Percentages may not add to 100 percent due to rounding. ²Married includes separated but not legally divorced. ³Gestation based on the physician's estimate. ⁴Data not collected until 1997. ⁵Data not collected until 1994.